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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM 1803-1826,

TWENTY-THREE CONVENTIONS.

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PREFACE.

BY THE TRANSLATOR.

The undersigned experienced much more difficulty in translating these Minutes than he at first anticipated, and read and re-read them to understand all they contained.

Let it be remembered that this is a translation only of the Protocol in "Synod's Record Book," and not of the published Minutes that are extant. This is, therefore, a valuable addition to the work, life and history of the dear old North Carolina Synod IN ENGLISH FORM.

It presents much information of an interesting and delightful character as to the true Lutheran tendencies of the Synod in the days of its early life, and yet presents also at the same time shadows and things that are to be deplored, but this alone can help to present and perpetuate true history for both friend and foe.

The headings or captions were inserted by the translator, and the title Reverend or Pastor used, to give it proper form and a truly ecclesiastical character in its utterances.

It was at first designed that the Minutes of the first twenty-five years' Conventions be translated, but as the Minutes appeared regularly in English from year to year, after the Twenty-third Convention, it seemed unnecessary to prepare for publication what has already been published and is accessible to those most interested in such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. E. PESCHAU, *Translator.*

TRANSLATION

OF THE

GERMAN MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

BY REV. F. W. E. PESCHAU.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

On May 2nd, 1803, the following ministers met in Salisbury: Revs. J. G. Arndt, Carl A. Storch, R. J. Miller and Paul Henkel, together with fourteen lay delegates from the congregations of Revs. Arndt, Storch, Henkel, and from vacant congregations.

Pastor Arndt was chosen President, and Pastor R. J. Miller elected Secretary.

Rev. Paul Henkel declared himself in favor of the adoption of a proposed Constitution, according to which the Lutheran Church should be governed. It was decided to postpone the consideration of this until the annual meeting of Synod, inasmuch as the present meeting was but a Special Conference.

On motion of Pastor Storch it was decided that the annual meeting of Synod be held on the 3d Monday of October, and that the first regular yearly meeting be held in Lincolnton.

J. G. ARNDT, *President.*

R. J. MILLER, *Secretary.*

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MINUTES OF

FIRST MEETING OF SYNOD.

Place, Lincolnton—Time, October 17, 1803—Object, Adoption Proposed Constitution.

On Monday, October 17th, 1803, according to announc ment, the yearly meeting of the Synod of the Lutheran ar Protestant Episcopal Church, from nine counties of Nort Carolina, was held in the Church at Lincolnton. The follow ing ministers were present: Revs. J. G. Arndt, C. A. Storch R. J. Miller, Paul Henkel and Philip Henkel. There were also lay-delegates from the congregations in Lincoln, Rowan, Iredell, Orange and Guilford Counties.

Through the assistance of Pastor Paul Henkel, Rev. J. G. Arndt was elected President, and Rev. R. J. Miller, Secretary.

The Constitution submitted for adoption at the meeting of the Special Conference was now considered, item by item, was discussed, and the following adopted:

ARTICLE I.

A yearly meeting of Synod shall be held in the interest of our Church on the third Monday in October, and at such place as Synod shall decide upon. Special Conferences may be called at some other time if Synod should deem it necessary and for the good of the Church and congregations.

In all the business transactions each one can express his opinions freely.

ARTICLE II.

The members of Synod are, first, ministers; and second, one lay delegate from each congregation, on presentation of a certificate of his election as delegate from the congregation he represents. All the lay delegates from the various congregations served by one pastor, taken together, have but one vote.

ARTICLE III.

Each Convention of Synod elects its President.

ARTICLE IV.

No one shall be allowed to preach in our Churches who does not furnish satisfactory written evidence, from the congregation in the midst of which he lives, that he leads an irreproachable life.

No one also shall be ordained to the ministry until the ministers who

examine him are fully satisfied that he has a sufficient and satisfactory acquaintance with the New Testament in the Greek language, his faith (doctrines of the Church) and the Latin language, unless the Synod deems it necessary to make an exception in the case of a candidate who displays talents in another direction, and in such a case the whole or a part of the above rule may be dispensed with.

No candidate shall be ordained anywhere in the congregation which has called him as pastor.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of Synod to help vacant Churches, who request it, to pastors, and where it is deemed necessary to send ministers to administer the Sacrament of the Holy Communion to the congregations (vacant) at least twice a year. At each such Communion two or more pastors should, if possible, be present.

ARTICLE VI.

No one shall be allowed to officiate as pastor in any of our Churches until he has shown the Church Council, or the Elders of the congregation to which he wishes to minister, a certifieate, signed by at least one of our pastors, setting forth that his ordination certificate and other papers are valid, that he brings sufficient proof from one of our recognized congregations that he leads an honorable life, and that he is therefore duly authorized.

ARTICLE VII.

At every Convention of Synod some pastor shall be chosen who shall preach the opening sermon.

Every evening and morning, at the close and at the beginning of each session, prayer shall be offered.

The President will appoint each day the pastor who shall offer prayer.

At every Convention of the Synod the Holy Communion shall be celebrated with the assembled congregation.

ARTICLE VIII.

Impelled by Christian sympathy, as well as duty and necessity, our Church should contribute with all the means and powers it can command towards relieving the necessities and granting the reasonable requests of all our congregations in this, and also all other States.

ARTICLE IX.

Every pastor shall keep a record of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in his pastorate, according to rules the congregations may prescribe. It is herewith declared that besides the other good objects it may accomplish, the baptism record will especially show who have become members of our Church by baptism.

It shall also be the duty of each pastor to record the names of all adult members who belong to his parish, so that his successor may know who the Church members are. No pastor, however, shall record a person as a member until he has by examination ascertained whether he was baptized in our Church, or in case of his being baptized by another denomination, whether he was confirmed in our Church, or whether he was admitted into the Church through the Holy Communion, or whether he had united with our Church under some other arrangement made between himself and the pastor of one of our Churches.

Adopted October 17th, 1803, and ordered that it be signed by the President and Secretary *ex officio*.

Signed { J. G. ARNDT, *President.*
R. J. MILLER, *Secretary.*

In the afternoon of October 17th, a petition from Mr. Krieson, asking for the ordination of Philip Henkel, was handed in for consideration, but in view of his youth the request was not granted.

Resolved, That the next meeting of Synod be held on the 3d Monday of October, in the next year, at Lexington.

J. G. ARNDT, *President.*

R. J. MILLER, *Secretary.*

SECOND CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

Place, Leonard's Church, Near Lexington—Time, October 21, 1804.

The Second Convention of Synod was held in Leonard's Church, near Lexington, October 21, 1804.

Pastors present: Revs. C. A. Storch, Paul Henkel, R. J. Miller and Philip Henkel. Lay delegates from Rowan, Lincoln and Guilford Counties were present.

Paul Henkel was elected President, and R. J. Miller, Secretary.

By resolution the following was added to the Constitution:

1. No pastor of our Church shall be allowed to neglect a regular appointment to preach on Sunday to his congregation, to officiate at the funeral of any person, unless said deceased person was a full member of [illegible] Church, or of some other Church whose authority is recognized by [illegible] Church .

2. In case any person, who may be a regular member of one of our Churches, leads an openly vicious life, and, in case he has been privately or publicly reprimanded either by the pastor or the Church Council, and does not better himself or promise to do better, said person shall be excluded from the *sacraments* of the Church.

In case of the baptism of such an one's own children it shall be left to the pastor whether he can even be sponsor or not.

Resolved, That the Twenty-one Articles of the Augsburg Confession be published for the benefit of the Church.

Resolved, That a Special Conference be held next March, in Pine Church, to consider the propriety of Philip Henkel's going to Lincoln in Pastor Arndt's place, he having been called there.

Christian Scherer will bring information about this to the congregations in Guilford County, so that they may speak against it.

N. B.—It is also evident, in close connection with this on the part of Pastor Paul Henkel, that it is designed to have Philip ordained by this Special Conference.

John Michael Rickert was authorized to read sermons in vacant congregations, to pray, and in cases of necessity to baptize children. He was further instructed to translate the Protocol up to this time into German.

Ludwig Markert received the same privileges in the congregations served by Pastor Henkel.

Philip Henkel had his license as catechist renewed.

PAUL HENKEL, *President.*

R. J. MILLER, *Secretary.*

☞Of the transactions of the year 1805 nothing can be found in writing, therefore the Convention of 1805 is not translated.

FOURTH CONVENTION.

Place, Organ Church, Rowan County—Time, October 20, 1806.

Synod met October 20, 1806, in Organ Church, Rowan County. Pastors present: Revs. C. A. Storch, Philip Henkel, Ludwig Markert and Christopher Bernhardt. There were present nineteen lay delegates. President chosen, Rev. C. A. Storch; Secretary, Rev. C. Bernhardt.

1. The Buffalo Creek congregation asks to be received in our connection. The request was unanimously granted.

2. The Abbot's Creek Church sends a petition in which they request that Mr. Markert be ordained.

Resolved, That the request be granted and that he be ordained on the fourth Sunday after Easter, 1807, by Revs. Storch and Paul Henkel.

3. A petition from Guilford County asking for preachers called forth the following action:

Resolved, That Revs. Paul and Philip Henkel, Storch and Bernhardt serve the congregations. The Sundays for each were agreed npon.

4. The place for the holding of the Synod's meetings shall hereafter not be decided upon by a majority vote. The next Convention of Synod shall be held in Lincolnton, the next in the Church at Abbot's Creek, then in Guilford County, then in Organ Church.

5. The Indian Creek congregation asks through its delegates to be received into our connection. The request was granted unanimously.

6. It was unanimously agreed that all the pastors see to it that the provisions of Article I (By-Laws), adopted in 1804, as to an openly wicked life, be carried out, and that this Article be read, at least, once a year publicly.

7. *Resolved*, That no pastor in our connection shall confirm children, except in case of absolute necessity, without a six weeks' preparation beforehand.

C. A. STORCH, *President.*

CHR. BERNHARDT, *Secretary.*

In the years 1807 and 1808 no proceedings were reported. The attendance of the ministers was so limited in number that business could not be properly transacted, and hence the lack of Minutes for these two years. [See Minutes 1811, pp. 8 and 9 and Art. 16.]

SEVENTH CONVENTION.

Place, Lau's Church, Guilford County—Time, August 7, 1809.

On August 7th, 1809, Synod met in Lau's Church, in Guilford County. Pastors present: Revs. C. A. Storch, Philip Henkel, Louis Markert. There were present eight lay delegates, and also one from Wilkes County.

Rev. C. A. Storch was elected President. Rev. L. Markert was elected Secretary.

1. The delegate from Wilkes County requested Synod to take an interest in the welfare of the small congregation he represented, whereupon arrangements were perfected to send pastors to preach to this people five times during the year, on week days.

2. To enforce discipline be it

Resolved, That those guilty of the sins mentioned in Galatians 5: 19-21, be excluded from the privilege of the Holy Communion, if they have been first admonished in all kindness by the pastor and Church Council and do not better themselves.

3. *Resolved*, That mothers of illegitimate children, who may wish to have them baptized, must first give assurance of repentance, if not publicly, at least before the pastor and the Church Council. In case the father of such a child refuses to give the same assurance of repentance he shall be excommunicated until he does so.

4. *Resolved*. That pastors have permission, on the wish and pledge of their Christian masters, to baptize their slaves.

5. By agreement among the pastors, henceforth no pastor will baptize children in the congregation of another, unless the officers of said congregation certify (or give assurances) that there are no lawful hindrances in the way.

6. *Resolved*, That every pastor shall be allowed to permit fellow-Christians of other regular religious confessions to come to the Holy Communion.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in Organ Church on the third Sunday in October, 1810.

C. A. STORCH, *President.*

L. MARKERT, *Secretary.*

EIGHTH CONVENTION.

Place, Organ Church, Rowan County—Time, October 12, 1810.

Synod met in Organ Church on the 22nd day of October. Pastors present: Revs. C. A. Storch, R. J. Miller, Philip Henkel, Ludwig Markert, G. Shober. Candidates and catechists present: J. M. Rickert, Jacob Grieson, Jacob Scherer, Gottfried Dreher, Wm. Hauk. Six lay delegates were present.

The officers elected were: President, Pastor Storch; Secretary, G. Shober.

After an earnest prayer by the President for God's blessing, and after an earnest address by the same, in which he spoke of the object of the meeting of Synod, and in which he admonished each member of Synod to look upon it as a duty to express his opinion conscientiously on every subject brought before Synod.

Gottlieb Shober was by the consent of all the pastors ordained as a minister.

Resolved, That notice be taken thereof in the Protocol, and that his congregation be received into our connection.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every pastor to submit a report at the next meeting of Synod on the number of children he has baptized during his (entire) ministerial activity, also of the number of adults baptized, also a short report about his various visits (journeys) of which an abstract may be sent to each pastor.

It was unanimously agreed that members of Christian Churches be permitted to meet in private houses to sing, to pray and to read sermons, but pastors should occasionally be

present, so that errors and troubles may be avoided in the explanation of difficult Bible passages.

Resolved, That our ministers have three days preaching, and, to take part in which, the pastors of the Moravian Churches, and of the German and English Reformed Churches, are welcome. During such preaching, voluntary collections shall be taken, and the amounts received be applied to the support of the traveling ministers.

On October 23d a resolution was passed to the effect, that a traveling missionary be appointed and sent out annually, and that, in event that he fails to secure enough to support himself with, that he then be aided from the above proposed collections.

Hereupon Rev. R. J. Miller offered his services as traveling missionary until the next Convention of Synod. His offer was accepted with thanks. He was accordingly duly appointed, and commended to the guidance of God.

Candidates Jacob Scherer and G. Dreher received written license to preach, to baptize and instruct children in all Lutheran Churches for one year.

Candidates J. M. Rickert and Jacob Grieson also received similar license.

Revs. Storch and Shober were instructed to print extracts from the Protocol, in which there shall also appear the name of every minister, of each of his congregations, and the names of the Elders and Deacons of each Church.

In the year 1811, Synod will meet in St. John's Church, Lincoln County, on the first Monday after the fourth Sunday in September.

The following congregations from South Carolina have united with our Synod: Bethel Church, St. Peter's Church and Zion Church.

Instructions were given to procure a seal for Synod.

C. A. STORCH, *President.*

G. SHOBER, *Secretary.*

NINTH CONVENTION.

Place, St. John's Church, Lincoln County—Time, First Monday After Fourth Sunday in September, 1811.

Synod met according to previous arrangement, as specified in last year's Minutes, in Lincoln County, A. D. 1811.

Rev. C. A. Storch was elected President. Rev. Philip Henkel was elected Secretary.

Pastors present: Revs. Storch, Henkel, R. J. Miller, were the only ministers present. This was owing to a misunderstanding which was occasioned by the last arrangement (or announcement) made.

There were present the candidates, J. M. Rauch and Jost Muetze, from South Carolina, and fourteen lay delegates from Burke, Lincoln and Wilkes Counties, and from South Carolina.

Resolved, That the last Thursday of February, 1812, be observed in all Churches as a day of fasting, humiliation and of prayer.

Gottfried Dreher received written license to preach and to baptize and to instruct children.

Michael Rauch received verbal permission to exhort, and the promise that he should receive license next year if he would in the meantime study diligently.

Jost Muetze was granted permission to preach, and in cases of cases of necessity to baptize.

Because all the pastors were not present it was

Resolved, That this meeting of Synod be continued by the holding of another meeting on the first Sunday in April of the next year (1812), and that the proceedings of the two meetings be considered as the Convention of the year 1811.

The next regular annual meeting of Synod, for the year 1812, will be held in Lau's Church, Guilford County, on the third Sunday in October.

CONTINUED MEETING, BEGUN IN 1811.

On the first Sunday in April, 1812, Synod met in accordance with the above resolution, to continue the session begun

in 1811 and to be considered the session for 1811, in Lincoln County. Pastors present: Revs. R. J. Miller, Philip Henkel, G. Shober. Candidates present: Carl Z. Schmidt, from Tennessee; J. P. Franklow and G. Dreher, from South Carolina; Jacob Scherer, Jacob Grieson and Dan'l Moser, from Guilford County. There were also six lay delegates in attendance.

Rev. R. J. Miller was elected President, and G. Shober elected Secretary.

1. A petition from the Church Councils of *nine* new congregations in Tennessee, asking for admittance, was acted upon favorably, and the congregations received into our connection. Their teacher, C. Z. H. Schmidt, was ordained after he had promised to reconfirm (to unite them with the Church anew) all the children hitherto confirmed by him. [N. B.—He had, up to this time, administered all the sacraments without ordination or license.]

2. *Resolved*, That Candidate Jacob Scherer be ordained next October in one of his congregations.

3. *Resolved*, That if Pastor Storch has no objection, that Gottfried Dreher be ordained this spring in one of his congregations.

4. Candidates G. Dreher, Jacob Scherer, Jacob Grieson and J. P. Franklow received written license to preach, to baptize and to catechise children.

The last named had already served a congregation in South Carolina, acting as fully authorized pastor, for thirteen years, and he and his congregation united with us and submitted to our discipline (order of things).

M. Rauch was granted license only to preach.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

(For Entire Ministerial Life.)

Pastor.	No. Churches served.	No. Years.	Confirmed.	Adults Baptized.
Rev. C. A. Storch	7	24	950	10
Rev. R. J. Miller	5	13	427	46
Rev. Phillip Henkel	9	5½	331	34
Rev. Ludwig Markert	*—	5	288	4
Rev. G. Shober	4	2	75	6
			2071	100

*Three Counties.

The amount realized from the collections taken at the three days' preaching, and designed for the support of the traveling missionary, was $43.39½.

Expenses for printing Minutes, $18.39½.

Rev. G. Shober was elected Treasurer. He took charge of the $25.00 and will keep account thereof and of other sums that may come in, submitting a report to Synod annually.

Candidate D. Moser received the sum of $5.00 (aid) on his support.

A subscription having been taken, it was ordered that the Secretary should have extracts from the Minutes of both this year's sessions and last year's sessions, and also extracts from the reports of our traveling missionary, Rev. R. J. Miller, printed in both German and English.

In answer to the question, Which catechism should be the basis of instruction? it was unanimously resolved that Luther's Smaller Catechism must ever be the basis of catechetical instruction; and the catechism of Ambrosius Henkel, explaining Luther's, can be used, but this is left to each pastor to do as he pleases.

Rev. Philip Henkel was chosen traveling missionary.

Candidate D. Moser is, in the absence of Pastor Henkel, to

preach to his congregations, and in cases of necessity to baptize.

Revs. Storch and Shober introduced and advocated the opening of a correspondence with the Pennsylvania Synod, in accordance with the warmly expressed wishes for a closer union with these brethren of our common faith.

No person, from now on, who has been confirmed or admitted to the Holy Communion by an unordained preacher (teacher) can be considered a member of our Church or be admitted to the Holy Communion until he has confessed the mistake he made and has been confirmed (consecrated) by a regularly ordained minister.

Every pastor is expected to make an effort in his congregations to take up collections for our various purposes and needs.

R. J. MILLER, *President.*

G. SHOBER, *Secretary.*

The congregations in Tennessee who have united with our Synod under Pastor Schmidt are the following:

Sullivan County—Zion Church; Roller's.

Greene County—Patterson, Sinking Spring and Cove Creek.

Knox County—Lonax.

Washington County—Brownsboro; and one more in Blount County, to-wit, Thomas'.

[NOTE BY TRANSLATOR.—Some one, in 1826, has written this question in the Protocol: "Who serves these now?" In the printed proceedings there appear extracts from the reports of our traveling missionary, Pastor Miller, and a proposed constitution for a school to be begun under the auspices and supervision of Synod.]

TENTH CONVENTION.

Place, Lau's Church, Guilford County—Time, October 18, 1812.

Pastors present: Revs. R. J. Miller, Ludwig Markert, G. Shober, Jacob Scherer, Gottfried Dreher. The last named, by resolution of the Synod of last year, had been ordained in

South Carolina. Candidates present: J. P. Franklow, Michael Rauch, John W. Meyer from Virginia, Daniel Moser, Jacob Krieson. Eight delegates were in attendance.

Pastor Miller was elected President. G. Shober was elected Secretary.

The ordination of Candidate J. P. Franklow was solemnly attended to during Synod, in compliance with a written request that had been presented to Synod, and which led it to adopt the proper resolution.

Having examined the condition of the treasury, it was found that $1.55 remained in the hands of the Treasurer.

The consideration of the establishing of a school, which subject was introduced at the last meeting of Synod, was on motion postponed until next year.

According to a letter from Rev. Paul Henkel, which was read, he acknowledged himself to be a member of our Synod, and describes his active labors in the State of Ohio.

Rev. Philip Henkel, who had served as our traveling missionary, sent in his report. He received in his journeys from May 11th to August 7th, 1812, the sum of $112.73. His expenses were $26.56. Everywhere he was begged to send ministers. He was allowed the privilege of taking out for himself as much as he deemed right and proper from the balance of money he had collected.

Regarding the ordination of Candidate John W. Meyer, of Virginia, which had been asked for, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as he had acted contrary to all Church order, and had acknowledged the same, that he be allowed only to baptize, to preach and to catechise, and that two ministers should visit his congregations, confirm the children and administer the Holy Communion, and in case they found nothing objectionable in him, that he should then be ordained.

Rev. R. J. Miller and Jacob Scherer are to carry out the provisions of the above resolution and also to act as travelling missionaries.

Two new congregations, served by Pastor G. Shober, to-wit,

Hopewell and Bethel, in Stokes County, were received into our connection.

A congregation from South Carolina, served by Rev. G. Dreher, was received into our Synod.

It was decided that certain ministers should preach to the Germans in South Carolina, each one four times, in the next twelve months, and that they should confirm the children and administer the Holy Communion.

Resolved, That our Church Constitution be printed in the English language and that the Scripture passages belonging to each section be printed with the same, so that it cannot be said that we have no Church discipline.

Resolved, also, That the Church officers shall be present at every preparatory service before the Holy Communion, so that they can keep back from the Holy Communion those who are openly wicked (public sinners), inasmuch as they are better acquainted with the congregations than the ministers.

And whichever Deacon or Elder is afraid to perform the duties of his office, or neglects the same, it were better that he resign.

These are the Scripture passages of our discipline: 1 Cor. 5: 13; 1 Cor. 5: 11; 1 Cor. 6: 9, 10; Eph. 5: 5; 2 Thess. 3: 6; Rom. 16: 17; Matt. 18: 15, 16, 17; Gal. 6: 1; Matt. 16: 19; Matt. 18: 18; 1 Cor. 6: 1–7.

Inasmuch as many, right after their confirmation, are but seldom seen in Divine service, and often only much later when married and when having children to baptize, it is most earnestly urged that pastors, together with their deacons, visit such people and in love persuade them to become living Christians, and to keep at this work as long as there is the least hope of improvement.

A resolution was adopted recommending that our Church members who wish to marry should consent to have their marriage announced, and should be married by a minister, as is customary in every well regulated Christian congregation.

Resolved, That only such children as were baptized in our Church by a minister or candidate in our connection, or such who are baptized by a

German Reformed minister, can be recorded in our Church books as baptized children.

It is left to each Church Council to say who shall be permitted to be present as lookers-on at a celebration of the Holy Communion, so that disorder and frivolity may be avoided. The congregation may be dismissed after the sermon and then those permitted to remain who are good or respectable people.

Resolved, That the seal which had been ordered for the Ministerium two years ago should be secured.

Collections taken and sent up by different congregations to help us in our need amount to $53.20, and this amount has been turned over to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That an extract of our Minutes be published in both German and English, and that all rules and regulations be printed in English.

Philip Roth was authorized to labor as a catechist under Pastor Jacob Scherer's supervision. J. Miller was likewise authorized, and Rev. Jacob Krieson's license was renewed for one year.

Resolved, That Synod meet next year in Pilgrim Church, Rowan County.

Synod closed, as it always has hitherto, with singing and prayer.

ELEVENTH CONVENTION.

Place, Pilgrim Church, Rowan County—Time, Third Sunday in October, 1813.

Pastors present: C. A. G. Storch, R. J. Miller, Lud. Markert, G. Shober, Jacob Scherer, John P. Franklow. Catechists in attendance: Dan'l Moser, J. W. Meyer, Michael Rickert, Jacob Krieson, David Henkel, I. P. Schmucker, and seventeen delegates.

Pastor Storch was elected President, and G. Shober, Secretary.

In the matter of establishing an institution for the education of young men for the ministry, which had been brought before Synod several times, nothing was done; but the matter was referred to the next Synodical Convention.

Regarding a common "Agende" (liturgy or mode of service) it was resolved that we first write to our brethren in Pennsylvania, to ascertain what they think and say concerning such a book which could be used in all the States.

Ten pastors and catechists reported that they had baptize 728 children, 28 adults, and confirmed 267 persons.

Remarkable and interesting reports were read by the traveling preachers, Rev. R. J. Miller and Jacob Scherer, the former in English, the latter in German. These reports are to be printed by action of Synod, the first-named (Miller's) in English, the second-named (Scherer's) in the German language. Pastor Miller received on his travels $70.00, of which he had to use $23.69. Pastor Scherer received $76.70, and paid out for his necessities $34.85. They wanted no further pay.

Rev. Mr. Franklow also submitted a report regarding work in South Carolina.

The Treasurer reported $56.31 on hand as belonging to Synod, which was increased by $27.05 sent by several congregations.

Pastor Shober was again elected Treasurer.

After having considered a petition, and having complied with its request, from Mason County, Va., to give Andreas (Andrew) Henkel full ministerial authority, it was decided that after this it should no longer be the custom to allow two ministers the privilege, or power, to authorize a young man to preach and baptize. That, furthermore, hereafter no one receive full ministerial authority except alone by the Synod, and that after an examination, that every catechist and beginner shall be appointed, and that if found qualified and faithful, and

acceptable to the congregations, he shall be considered and received as a candidate for the ministry, and shall then receive written authority to preach for one year and administer the sacraments to his congregations, but no where else.

Pine Church having sent a petition asking for the ordination of J. W. Meyer, the Convention, to whom it had been referred, reported that in view of the above resolutions, and in view of other circumstances, this request could not be granted, but that he should receive full authority as a catechist, and that he should be ordained at the next Convention of Synod if satisfactory evidence of his worth and qualifications would be presented.

As it is a custom, or rule, among us to allow candidates without ordination to administer the *sacraments* as stated above, this point was referred to our next Synod.

David Henkel having received authority from two pastors to labor as catechist, and having presented a petition from Lincoln County, asking for a renewal of authority given him, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted, provided he can pass in the examination.

Twenty congregations in Virginia were admitted. These are partly served by Peter Schmucker and partly by our ministers. Some of them were visited and organized by our ministers.

We hear with gratitude that 241 persons desire instruction in the Catechism.

In consideration of the vast work before us, and the limited help, it was

Resolved, That Revs. Storch and Shober apply to the Directors of the Brethren (Moravians) Society asking in a friendly manner that they kindly furnish us several capable Christian men to teach our children, according to our custom, Luther's Catechism.

Rev. Mr. Markert was appointed a traveling preacher.

In answer to the question whether the older people should

be required to attend, or witness, the catechetical instruction given the children prior to their confirmation, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as this cannot be accomplished, the matter be left to the discretion of the pastor, and that if he be convinced of their true faith and desires, and that they lead a life according to the Gospel that he may confirm them, even if they cannot first receive much instruction.

Resolved, That these proceedings be printed in both English and German, if funds sufficient can be raised for that purpose.

The next Convention of Synod will be held the third Sunday in October, 1814, in Organ Church.

After an address, a hymn and a prayer, Synod adjourned.

C. A. STORCH, *President.*

G. SHOBER, *Secretary.*

TWELFTH CONVENTION.

Place, Organ Church, Rowan County—Time, Third Sunday in October, 1814.

On October 16th, the third Sunday in the month, Synod met in Organ Church, Rowan County. Pastors present: C. A. G. Storch, R. J. Miller, Ph. Henkel, G. Shober, Jac. Scherer, Paul Henkel, Gottf. Dreher, Jno. P. Franklow. Candidates and catechists: J. W. Meyer, D. Moser, D. Henkel, Michael Mackin, Philip Roth, Jacob Miller, P. Schmucker, And. Henkel, Michael Rauch, and fifteen delegates.

The Seminary proposed in 1811 for educating young men for the ministry was a subject of much discussion. After mature deliberation it was found that we are not in a position to found such an institution, and will not be until our congregations be aroused to do everything possible to support our young candidates, to accomplish which our ministers are earnestly requested to do all they can.

As the last Pennsylvania Synod Convention resolved to prepare and complete an "Agenda" (liturgy) by its next meeting, it was

Resolved, That we await the result of their labors, in the hope that they give the Church a spiritual and consecrated book.

Regarding the manner of receiving and ordaining candidates into the holy office, a matter that had been referred to this meeting from last year's Synod, it was decided that the resolutions adopted last year [see last year's Minutes] be the rule of Synod.

Rev. Paul Henkel moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That when a minister does not send a letter of excuse for his non-attendance upon the sessions of Synod, and should fail in doing so for three years, that he thereby deprives himself from membership in this Synod, and expels himself from our Synodical relations.

A kind letter from the Directors of the Brethren (Moravian Society) was read, in answer to a letter sent to them by us, according to our action taken last year. They regret their inability to render us the assistance desired, as they themselves have not sufficient men for their own work. [See their answer in full in the beginning of the printed proceedings.]

From reports submitted it is seen that 868 children and 16 adults were baptized, 668 persons confirmed and 22 buried.

Rev. Gottlieb Shober was again elected Treasurer, after he had reported $83.36 on hand. Various congregations sent in $41.01. He was authorized to collect $10.75 for books presented to the English congregations in South Carolina.

Dan'l Scherer being too poor to continue his studies, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over to him the sum of $10.00 from the treasury.

Petitions for ordinations having been presented, some were referred to a Committee and some to all of the ministers for consideration.

A circular letter from the Church Council of Charleston was read, in which Synod was asked to send a pastor who could preach in the two languages, German and English. Synod regretted its inability to send the desired help, and regretted the fact that it could only send ministers on a visit.

Several congregations from South Carolina applied for admittance and were received.

The Committees reported and recommended that Catechist D. Henkel be continued as catechist, and that D. Moser, Michael Rauch, and Zink and Peter Schmucker be empowered as candidates.

Resolved, That it is our duty to preach the Gospel to the negroes, and after proper instruction to admit them to all the means of Grace of the Church, and for this purpose to make room for them in our Churches.

The masters are, in love, requested to grant liberty to their slaves for this purpose, and herewith it is placed on record that it is the duty of the masters to have them instructed in Christianity.

J. W. Meyer, Philip Roth, Andrew Henkel, Jacob Miller, J. M. Rickert and Jacob Krieson, on the recommendations of Committees, were given full power to act as catechists.

Resolved, That hereafter no uneducated person shall receive license to preach until he has studied with one of our pastors and is twenty-one years of age.

Resolved, That the pastors all unite in working against the injurious influence and effects of dancing, and to prevent it in every possible manner.

The subscriptions of last year not being enough to pay the printer, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the $21.22 due. If funds sufficient will not come in from the books, then the members of Synod will raise sufficient among themselves next Synod.

A Special Conference to be held the third Sunday in the year 1815 was arranged for.

Synod meets next year the third Sunday in October, 1815, in Lincolnton.

After singing and prayer, Synod adjourned.

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION.

Place, Emanuel Church, Lincolnton—Time, October 15, 1815.

Pastors present: Revs. Philip Henkel, Jacob Scherer, Gott. Dreher. Candidates present: Dan'l Moser, Jacob Zink, Michel Rauch. Catechists in attendance: And. Henkel, David Henkel, Jost Muetze. There were present twenty-three delegates.

Four of the oldest pastors being absent Philip Henkel and Jacob Scherer were respectively chosen President and Secretary *pro tempore*, and they decided to permit no ordination at this meeting of Synod.

New petitions for the promotion of candidates, etc., were referred to the Ministerium.

Two new congregations in Iredell and Rowan Counties, named New Pearth (now St. Michael's) and Christ Church applied for admission, and were joyfully received.

The Committee on examining the Treasurer's account found that the amount still due the printer was only one dollar, which was promptly paid.

Pastor Shober is to have the Minutes of this year's proceedings published, as Secretary, as soon as funds sufficient are subscribed.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

From submitted reports it was ascertained that 473 children and 22 adults were baptized, 133 persons were confirmed, 36 persons buried.

The financial report sets forth the fact that our treasury, with the $40.85 paid in at this Synod if all goes well, will have $138.16. The Treasurer's report, he being absent, having

gotten ill on his way to Synod and so forced to go back home, was examined and found correct. He was re-elected and the funds turned over to him with instructions to put the money on interest.

The excuses of absent pastors were considered and their requests to be excused granted.

The question whether a minister could or should leave his congregation to go elsewhere without first ascertaining the opinion of Synod on this subject, was discussed by all the members of Synod, and all said no. It was also agreed to that before the matter come up before synod the minister should inform the elders and deacons of his churches in good time that he designed leaving them, and that he also giv them the reason for his going.

The question whether all who are admitted or authorized to serve in our congregations should be consecrated (ordained) by the laying on of hands, having been brought before Synod, was deferred for answer to the next Convention of Synod.

It was decided that in case a young servant (of the Church, *i. e.*,candidate) be overcome by indolence, loss of courage, care or anxiety for daily bread, etc., such candidate be reduced to an exhorter or catechist. If he be a *catechist* he shall be put out of office, unless it be that sickness or other circumstances may be the cause and excuse, for it is possible only to those who meet the requirements laid down and who have the gifts and training necessary, coupled with a pure life and with industry to be promoted in the holy office.

The following were upon recommendation of the Committee deemed worthy to serve in our congregations for one year as Candidates (Licentiates): Daniel Moser, Michael Rauch, D. Henkel, And. Henkel, Peter Schmucker and Jost Muetze, and they received their license papers.

The following were authorized to serve as Catechists: Adam Miller, John Dreher, Jacob Krieson, Jacob Miller and Philip Roth.

Having been kindly invited to hold our next Convention of

Synod in the new Reformed Church in Guilford, County, the invitation was accepted, and the next Convention will be held there the 3d Sunday in October, 1816.

After a touching address, Synod adjourned with a hymn and prayer.

G. SHOBER, *Secretary.*

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION.

Place, New Reformed Church, Guilford County—Time, Third Sunday in October, 1816.

On the 3d Sunday in October, 1816, Synod met in the New Reformed Church in Guilford County.

Pastors present: Revs. C. A. G. Storch, Philip Henkel, G. Shober and Jacob Scherer. Candidates present: Daniel Moser and David Henkel. Catechists in attendance: J. W. Meyer, Jacob Krieson, Philip Roth, Adam Miller and Daniel Scherer. There were present twelve delegates.

Pastor Storch was elected President and G. Shober was elected both Secretary and Treasurer.

It was earnestly recommended that all our ministers establish, wherever possible, Sunday-schools in all our Churches. They are to be under the supervision of the minister and shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

It was decided that $20 be taken from our treasury for the purpose of purchasing catechisms to be presented to poor children by our Pastors.

The desire was also expressed that Synod might be able to present and distribute other Christian literature, with which so much good is being done in our day in all lands.

Synod decided upon and recommended the use of Luther's Smaller Catechism and the Christian Catechism.

A special Conference having been arranged for and held in

South Carolina, Revs. Storch, R. J. Miller and Shober reported the transactions of the same from the Spring session of 1816. Difficulties have arisen regarding some of our regulations there (in South Carolina) and some of them were publicly spoken against. The following explanation of and addition to some of our regulations were allowed: If any child is admitted by our Church Officers and Pastors to holy baptism, whose parents have not been excluded from our Church, then or in that case both the parents can bring the child to the altar, assume and comply with all the requirements. If godless parents or parents excluded from the Church, or parents, who belong to no Church desire to have their children baptized by our ministers, this cannot be refused, provided honorable Christians will act as sponsors and assume and answer the questions on behalf of the same.

Where the question, "Do you renounce the devil and his ways," etc., gives offense it may be omitted, and liberty is given each pastor to omit it or not. The old rule regarding illegitimate children remains inviolate, however. Whoever has been confirmed in our Church in a regular way has the right to receive the Holy Communion in any Church he pleases or where it pleases him. In regard to the negroes, new rules were added to our regulations, as far as admitting them to baptism is concerned, and it was decided that they be not admitted to the Holy Communion immediately after baptism, but that they be further instructed and confirmed. (See regulations.)

The above rules which were made in South Carolina were adopted here, and hence they are printed in our proceedings.

The names of all ministers, candidates, and catechists belonging to us, shall in print, be brought to every man's and notice knowledge.

The sum of $39.90 has been placed in the Treasurer's hands by various congregations.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

923 children and 87 adults were baptized, 454 persons were confirmed, 80 persons were buried, according to the reports of the ministers of their labors during the past year.

Inasmuch as the question was again sprung as to the grades (order) of teachers (pastors and catechists) in view of Synod's action in 1814 and 1815, the Ministerium resolved for many convincing reasons to treat this matter in the same way as our honored ministerial brethren in Pennsylvania do.

I. Catechists who are still pursuing a course of study, and in addition to that at the same time are preaching, baptizing and catechising are under the supervision of the ministerium, and of one ordained minister.

II. Candidates who perform all ministerial acts are limited to certain congregations.

III. Ordained deacons are those who differ from candidates only in ordination, but otherwise have no greater rights or privileges.

IV. Pastors are those who have for three years enjoyed systematic instruction under an ordained minister and who have also studied the languages somewhat.

Should any reprobate member in our Church who cannot be made better, have to be excluded or excommunicated; then

Resolved, That in such a case said member shall be brought (cited) before the Council, who shall call on other members to the number of *twelve* to be witnesses to what is being done.

Such excommunication shall be entered upon the records in the Church book, and on the occasion of preparatory service be publicly announced, and the excommunicated one prayed for.

If such an one should desire to be received again or reinstated, the matter is left to the Pastor as to whether this shall be done through the Council or by the congregation.

The ministers to whom petitions and papers had been referred for consideration, reported that they had examined the same, and that they recommended:

That David Henkel be given full power to administer the sacraments in all our Churches.

That Catechist Adam Miller be given the powers of a candidate, and owing to his being so far away, he be given this power for two years; and

That the following receive the same authority for one year: Daniel

Moser, Peter Schmucker, Michael Rauch, Jost Muetze and J. W. Meyer.

That the Catechists, Daniel Scherer, Jacob Krieson, John Dreher, Jacob Miller, P. Roth (and Daniel Walcher for the first time), be given the same powers they have enjoyed before.

This was granted and so carried out that each one receiving his authority (license papers) was handed the same with a benediction, a thing done only (for it was a new thing) to avoid or prevent *bitterness from Lincoln*, which was beginning to manifest itself here.

David Henkel expected ordination, but this was not approved. (See Minutes, p. 10, 11, 12.)

Pastor Jacob Scherer asked for permission to leave his congregations to go elsewhere, where he hoped he could do more good. Synod, however, would not listen to his going, and the delegate from his congregations protested against it, no complaints having been made against him or by him.

Upon the request of Pastor Philip Henkel, a young Englishman named Joseph E. Bell was granted license as a catechist, and he is to labor under Pastor Henkel's supervision.

Rev. R. J. Miller was appointed traveling preacher (missionary.)

A committee was also appointed to examine the Treasurer's report, but no report was found among the papers.

On resolution of Philip Henkel it was decided:

That an extract of all our protocol accounts and all our regulations be printed in the English language, in view of the fact that our Church is still not known among the English-speaking people, and that for this purpose as well as for printing the German Minutes, the sum of $50 be appropriated from the treasury.

Pastor Henkel promised that if it cost more he would pay the rest.

The Treasurer is to attend to the above, and to give himself credit for these $50 and also for $20 (for catechisms) expended by him.

The next Convention of Synod will be held in Pilgrim Church, Rowan County, at the usual time appointed.

NAMES OF THE MINISTERS IN OUR CONNECTION.

Pastors.	*Candidates.*	*Catechists.*
C. A. G. Storch.	D. Moser.	Jacob Krieson.
Paul Henkel.	Dav. Henkel.	Philp Roth.
R. J. Miller.	Jacob Zink.	Dan'l Scherer.
Philip Henkel.	Adam Miller.	Jac. Miller.
Lud. Markert.	J. W. Meyer.	Dan'l Walcher.
Jacob Scherer.	Peter Schmucker.	Joseph E. Bell.
J. P. Franklow.	And. Henkel.	John Dreher.
G. Dreher.	Michael Rauch.	
	Jost Muetze.	

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION.

Place, Pilgrim Church, Rowan County—Time, Third Sunday in October, 1817.

On the third Sunday in October, 1817, Synod convened in Pilgrim Church, in Rowan County. Pastors present: C. A. G. Storch, R. J. Miller, Philip Henkel, G. Shober, Jacob Scherer. Candidates present: Daniel Moser, David Henkel. Catechists in attendance: Jacob Krieson, Jacob Miller, Daniel Scherer, Martin Walter, Joseph E. Bell. There were present nine delegates.

Pastor Storch was elected President, and G. Shober, Secretary.

The Secretary handed in a manuscript he had prepared in the English language, upon request of the Synod of last year, containing a history of the Reformation, the growth and extension of the Church, its cultus, rules and regulations, with short abstracts thereof, also the Augsburg Confession, and citations and stories from Luther's writings regarding his doctrines and character. Revs. R. J. Miller, Philip Henkel and Jos. E. Bell were appointed a Committee to examine the manuscript and report on the same.

I. Sunday-schools were again most urgently recommended to all our congregations.

II. It was also urged that every effort be put forth to raise

money to scatter abroad edifying Christian publications on which the Lord lets His blessings visibly rest.

III. *Resolved*, That when a resolution is deferred from one Convention of Synod to another, and the ministers concerned in that resolution are not present at the Convention in which it must be taken up, that then these ministers may send in their votes in writing, and that such votes shall be counted just the same as if the ministers were pre ent.

IV. The following charitable contributions were sent in from various congregations: $47.70½.

V. Messrs. Kistler and Null were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts. They reported the next day that the accounts were correct and that the Treasurer had $182.32½ in his possession. Rev. G. Shober was again elected Treasurer.

VI. Rev. M. Miller reported nothing encouraging about his visit to South Carolina, except that he had organized a congregation and had baptized several children.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Thirteen ministers and candidates, for the past year, report:
550 children baptized.
57 adults baptized.
442 persons confirmed.
62 persons buried.
Five Sunday-schools established, namely: Four in Guilford County and one in Stokes County.

VII. Pastor Markert in a letter depicted the deplorable condition of the Church in the State of Indiana and set forth the fact that no minister could subsist there without some support from a plantation.

We would gladly send out travelling preachers, but amid our thousands of members there will be found but few who would contribute to pay the necessary expenses.

VIII. A man who after the death of his wife married her daughter from her first husband, and who with her (his second wife) on this account had been excommunicated, desire to be received into the Church again. As they in other respects led a good life the question was submitted to Synod.

IX. It was resolved that as long as they continue to live in their present relations no pastor in our Church could let them come to the Holy Communion, as it is in direct conflict with God's Word, even if they unknowingly (ignorantly) began their relations.

X. It was agreed that when our Church members wish to be united in holy matrimony on Sunday they be allowed to be married publicly.

XI. No one can remain among us as a mtnister who knowingly marries a youug couple secretly who desire to be married against the will of the parents, the bride having been led astray, unless the laws of the land compel them thereto.

XII. The question, Shall the rule and regulation (practice) we have been observing when granting permission to candidates to administer the Sacrament (doing so without the laying on of hands, *i. e.*, without ordination), be continued or not, was considered, and by vote it was decided that it remain in force. Five ministers voted for it, and Rev. R. J. Miller against it.

The answers to petitions for ministers, etc., can be found in the printed Minutes.

XIII. Proof having been given that Candidate Wm. Meyer was guilty of sinful conduct,

It was resolved, That he be entirely dismissed (dropped) from our Ministerium, and henceforth in no way recognized as a minister of our Church; and if it should be that some congregation would still take him as pastor, then said congregation by such action expels itself from our connection.

XIV. The President was given power in the interim of the yearly Synods, with the consent of two pastors, to expel any minister for disorderly conduct.

XV. The hymn book (Gemeinschaftliche Gesangbuch) printed or issued by Schaefer & Mannd, was recommended for introduction and use in our Churches, and so also the English liturgy of New York, and the English hymn book by Paul Henkel, were recommended.

Henceforth no book shall be introduced into the public service in our churches without first being endorsed by Synod, and this endorsement be inserted in the book.

Resolved, That the candidate, Daniel Moser, be ordained on next Trinity Sunday, in the presence of his congrega ion in his town church in Lincolnton.

In response to the question, what is the name of our Synod? It was decided that the name be "The Evangelical Lutheran, German and English Synod of North Carolina and adjacent States."

The fall time, often being a sickly time, it was desired that the time for holding the Convention of Synod be changed to the spring time. This was acted upon, and so decided with the consent of all the delegates, and the time for meeting was fixed on the first Trinity Sunday, 1819.

Young ministers, if they desire promotion, must present, yearly, written testimonials as to their industry in theology, and only according to the amount of work done can they be advanced, extraordinary cases alone being the exception. Pastor Paul Henkel, was directed to visit all our congregations, it being deemed advantageous and beneficial, that an aged servant of God visit the various fields, and the President of Synod not being able to undertake it on account of not being well enough.

All the candidates were licensed as before and given the same power (Meyer excepted).

David Henkel was directed to visit Tennessee and Cape Girardeau, Mo.

As no South Carolinians put in an appearance, Rev. R. J. Miller was instructed to inquire into the cause among them and to relicense the candidates who are worthy, in the same grade or order to which they belong, but such as do not submit to our constitution and rules and behave disorderly, he is to dismiss.

The Committee having been charged with the duty of examining the English manuscript submitted by the Secretary, reported that they recommended that 1500 copies be printed and bound, as they considered it a very useful and much needed work and calculated to make our Church known better, and they also recommend that it be published at the Synod's expense.

This report was adopted without any opposition, and the Treasurer instructed to have 1500 copies printed and bound, and to borrow the money from the Treasury, which was on interest.

The books shall be sold and the receipts from the sale of books shall flow into the Treasury, and after paying off the incurred indebtedness, all is to go towards helping to forward the kingdom of our Lord.

FIRST SEMINARY IN TENNESSEE.

Pastor Phillip Henkel reported that a small Seminary had been begun by himself, and Joseph E. Bell, in Greene County, Tenn., in which Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and the German and English languages were taught, and that Pastor Bell was the chief professor in it.

On request this Seminary was accepted and adopted as our own Seminary, and as worthy of our management and patronage (support) in the hope that under the blessing of the Lord, this small one may grow into a large one, in which many able ministers and missionaries may be trained. To aid the Seminary, money shall be collected in our churches next May. The same shall be turned over to our Treasurer, who shall keep an account of all the benefactors, etc.

It being three hundred years since the Reformation by Luther, it was arranged that after the close of the business sessions of Synod, a sermon commemorative of the event, and history connected with it, be preached by Pastor Shober. [See

the printed minutes.] At the close of the sermon and service, Synod adjourned with a hymn, prayer and the benediction.

In which congregation Synod will meet next is not yet decided, but it will be made known at the right time.

The same pastors are with us this year as last. So, also candidates (J. W. Meyer excepted). Catechists are also the same.

No Convention in 1818 recorded.

THE SIXTEENTH CONVENTION, 1819.

Place: Buffalo Creek Church, Cabarras County, N. C.

Time: Monday, April 26th, 1819.

Pastors present: C. A. Storch, R. J. Miller, G. Shober, Jacob Scherer, Godfrey Dreher, Daniel Moser. Candidates present: Daniel Scherer, William Rauch, Daniel Henkel. Catechists in attendance: Jacob Miller, John Dreher, M. Walther, Daniel Walcher, Michael Mackin.

There were present twelve delegates. Thus there was a full Synod and quorum.

Seventy-six young people of Pastor Storch's congregation and confirmed by him, were yesterday fellow-communicants with us in the Holy Sacrament, 250 having communed. Paul Henkel promised to come, but did not come. Ludwig Markert, at present in Ohio, also did not come. J. P. Franklow also failed to be present.

All knew of it, and here Phillip Henkel began to dictate (command) in a letter.

Of the candidates, six were absent, some on account of illness, some on account of great distance, some were kept away because they had been persuaded to do so, as Joseph E. Bell explained afterwards.

Pastor Storch was chosen President and G. Shober Secretary.

First, the reason why Synod was called to meet earlier than Trinity Sunday was explained. It is because we were invited from Pennsylvania to send a delegate to their Synod, for the purpose of considering the advisability of bringing about a union of the Lutheran Churches in the entire land, a thing we could not have done (*i. e.* send a delegate in time) if we had come together on the day set.

The officers on this account called Synod together at this time, and those living farthest away received notice of it.

The question now was, is Synod satisfied with this coming together, and is this the Synod of our Church for this year?

When the letters from the officers of the Pennsylvania Synod had been read Synod unanimously, without an opposing word allowed and sanctioned this Synod, as the Synod of 1819.

It was also unanimously agreed and resolved, That the President, with the sanction or consent of two or three neighboring pastors, have the power to call a meeting of Synod for the purpose of adopting other regulations, etc.

Inasmuch as the union of our Church in America is considered by this Synod as a thing very much to be desired, the Secretary, G. Shober, was elected to attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod, and if possible, favor, in the name of our Synod, such a union.

A Committee was also appointed to give him "instructions," and he was assured that if a "constitution" of our whole Church should be adopted, in accordance with his instructions, then said constitution is already hereby adopted by us, but if however, resolutions be adopted differing from the "instructions" given, such resolutions must be presented to our next Synod for ratification or rejection.

The committee to formulate the "instructions" consists of Revs. R. J. Miller, Jacob Scherer and Mr. Jones Abernathy.

The amounts paid into the Treasury by congregations was $116.12½ and the amount from the sale of books was $117.50.

Towards the school fund Charleston sent $221.75, and from various parts of South Carolina $25.00 additional was sent, or a total of $246.75. Hearty thanks were tendered these various liberal congregations.

In answer to the question whether the money received for school purposes should be applied to the school in Tennessee, where Paul Henkel and Bell are directors, as the money had been principally given to aid in educating young men for the ministry, it was unanimously decided that we could not have anything to do with the school until a constitution had been adopted by it, and this constitution accepted or sanctioned by our Synod, and this had already been made known to Mr. Bell by the Secretary in June 18th, 1818, and he had been requested to lay such a constitution before Synod, but it had not been done.

The Secretary is to inform Messrs. Bell and Henkel of this soon, and also at the same time to inform them that a resolution has been adopted to the effect that if they will appear with a constitution this spring, or if they send one in writing, in which the fact is set forth that said Institute stands under the supervision or direction of this Synod, Revs. Storch, R. J. Miller and P. Henkel or a majority of them is to examine the same, and if found acceptable, and of such character that our Synod would likely ratify the same or one like it, then in this case said committee, or a majority thereof can render said Institute, temporary help from the funds, which are already in their hands (from books that were sold), this however, can be changed at the next meeting of Synod. It is also understood that no aid is to be given except to the students who have consecrated themselves to the Holy Ministry.

It was further resolved, That this committee, or a majority thereof, should have power to authorize or license as Catechists such men as are twenty one years of age, who come well recommended, stand the examination and desire such license.

Power is also given to them to renew license for those whose license

was granted by this Synod, but expires before the meeting of Synod, but said renewal is to extend only to the time of the Synod's meeting.

N. B.—Many were influenced not to be present, and others live so far away.

Synod charged the Secretary with the duty of expressing to Revs. Henkel and Bell its regrets, that neither of them had come to Synod and attended its sessions, but had instead of this, shown a disposition to disturb our peace, by writing letters of attack to various members of our Ministerium.

He (the Secretary) was also to give them the assurance that we are convinced of the necessity of supporting an Institute which will be subject or loyal to Christian rules which accord with the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church.

The absence of Revs. P. Henkel, Jos. E. Bell, Zink and Miller for want of acceptable reasons was not excused. Other cases of absence were excused.

Rev. Robert J. Miller reported that sickness was the cause of the absence of our members from South Carolina, from the last Convention of Synod, and that he had renewed all licenses.

The congregations which were formerly served by a certain Waller in South Carolina made application for admission into Synod through their delegate, who had been received by Synod, and this was cheerfully done.

The licenses of the Catechists of Guilford County, who were absent, were renewed, and so was the license of Mr. McKin.

The time for the next Convention, upon vote, was fixed by a majority of one vote, on Trinty Sunday.

Messrs. Martin, Walther and Daniel Scherer received candidate-licenses, the last named (D. Scherer) for two years on account of his being so far away.

Rumored complaints in South Carolina, especially against Rev. Franklow, were referred to Revs. Jacob Scherer and D. Moser for investigation.

Many complaints were made against David Henkel, espe-

cially by Andrew Hoyl, Esq., and several Presbyterian preachers, to examine which in the presence of the accused consumed much time. Complaint was also made by Adam Costner that Henkel had ex-communicated him in an improper manner. The complaints were proven to be well-founded, and it was declared that Costner was a member of our Church with full rights. Other complaints, namely: that he taught the Catholic doctrine of transubstantiation, that he had the right to forgive sins, were not sufficiently proven, and Henkel declared publicly that he had never held such doctrine, had never preached it, and never would preach it, that he would conduct himself in a friendly and fraternal manner towards ministers of other denominations (the opposite of this had been proven against him).

Then it was resolved, Inasmuch as there were still other grave violations (Verbrechen, *i. e.*, crimes) proven against him, which however, for the sake of peace were not to be put in the protocol (minutes) that he should be made only a Catechist for twelve months, and when we were threatened by his adherents with the consequences.

Our President answered, "We must act as honorable people, the consequences are in God's hand."

Later the conclusion was reached, there being some complaint, that he should have license as Catechist for six months, and that if he can, then bring the President written testimony to the effect that there is peace in his congregations, and that especially no serious complaints be presented by Presbyterian preachers and brethren, then the President shall in that event, be empowered to grant him license as a candidate.

With this decision David expressed himself as being satisfied, promised to do better, and according to appearances reconciled himself with Mr. Hoyl.

Secretary's Remarks.

But here Satan began the division among us, for David did not conduct himself as a Christian, but he and others of his

adherents came with Philip Henkel on Trinity Sunday to the Church where this Convention of Synod was being held, and as the door was locked against them Philip ordained his brother David and J. E. Bell under an oak tree! In this manner did they separate themselves from us. [For a more complete account of this, see the protocol for 1820, and a pamphlet called "Review."]

In regard to the evil conduct of Pastor Franklow, reports were submitted and on the strength of these it was

Resolved, That he be suspended from the ministry for six months and be no minister of our Church, and that in case he will in reality (truth) be reconciled to his ministerial brethren, he be allowed to again assume his office, but if this does not take place (that is the reconciliation) he shall stand suspended until the next Convention of Synod.

Candidates Daniel Moser and Michael Rauch were publicly ordained as ministers in our Church by Revs. Storch, Miller and Shober.

The committee that examined the Treasurer's accounts reported that Synod, up to the time of its meeting, owed the Treasurer the sum of $537.82, but that there were on hand 1377 copies of the book entitled "Luther," which did not enter into the above account, they are held as follows:

In his (Treasurer's) hands, 199; Philip Henkel, 500; Rev. Bachman, 200; Godfrey Dreher, 100; David Henkel, 291; Revs. Storch, Miller, Walcher and Reichart, 87. Total, 1,377.

The delegate to Pennsylvania received his instructions, (see Minutes).

Jacob Scherer was licensed as a candidate, and the Messrs. Muetze, Walcher and John Dreher received Catechist's license.

Many local arrangements were attended to.

Rev. Shober, the representative to the Pennsylvania Conference, received the sum of $13.85 from the Abbot's Creek congregations and from John Dreher, towards defraying his traveling expenses.

Parochial Reports.

According to reports in this past year 1075 children were baptized, 67 adults, 42 negroes. 518 persons were confirmed, 94 buried, 21 of this number in South Carolina.

Now Synod closed with singing and prayer.

THE SEVENTEENTH CONVENTION, 1820.

Place: Near Lincolnton, N. C.

Time: Sunday, May 28th, 1820.

On Sunday, 28th day of May, 1820, the most of the ministers and delegates assembled in the Church close by Lincolnton. Services were conducted in both languages, and the Holy Communion was celebrated. It was announced that Synod should meet for the transaction of business at 9 o'clock the next day.

On Monday, the 29th May, at the designated time, Revs. Paul and Philip Henkel, together with Candidate Bell and David Henkel, a former catechist, took possession of the Church.

As it was known that the last two-named had formally separated themselves from us, and Paul Henkel no longer belonged to us, Philip Henkel was asked if he would unite with us, and would submit to being governed by a majority of votes, he answered nothing, but all the rest sought to answer, which could not be accepted as they had formally separated themselves from us, and neither David Henkel nor Bell were recognized by us as ministers, as they had been unlawfully ordained by Philip under a tree without the permission of Synod. For more about this, see the Minutes.

Rev. Storch and all our ministers going hereupon into the Church, the first named (Storch) offered up a fervent prayer to the God of love to again establish peace and harmony among us.

After this the minutes of last year were presented to the vast audience in both languages. (See Minutes.)

On Rev. Storch's offer that we were inclined to forget everything, because mistakes had been made on both sides, and on the question whether we would unite again being put, they answered no! because we did not preach baptismal regeneration, did not in the Holy Communion receive the elements as the true body and blood of the Lord, and that the plan for a General Synod was against the Augsburg Confession, therefore, they would not submit to a majority of votes. To put an end to David's coarseness, it was resolved that Synod meet in the afternoon. At *this* meeting Rev. Storch was elected President and G. Shober, Secretary, and Tuesday the 30th of May, Synod met in the Church. It was opened with singing and prayer. The following

Pastors were present: Rev. Storch, President; G. Shober, Secretary; R. T. Miller, Jacob Scherer, G. Dreher, Daniel Moser, Michael Rauch, J. J. Bell. Candidates present: Peter Schumaker, M. Walther, Jacob Miller. Catechists in attendance: P. Koth, Jacob Grieson, Daniel Walcher. Lay Delegates: Peter Barringer, John Null, Louis Wolf, Henry Holder, John Terrell, Hermann Aull, Jacob Swigart, Jacob Lutz, C. Weber, George Ribsh, Conrad Michael, Wm. Grug, Samuel Wolk, Peter Schuler, John Duerner, J. Reichart, Daniel Walcher, J. Hartman.

In addition to these, John Abernathy and Rudisill, who had been elected by David Henkel's congregations, demanded a seat and voice (vote).

The rule that the delegates present should have no more votes than the number of ministers present was renewed.

The ordination of the many-yeared (aged) Candidate Peter Schmucker, which was decided upon yesterday, was now attended to by Revs. Storch, R. J. Miller and Schober.

The candidates and catechists handed in the expired licenses. David Henkel had publicly committed himself not to return his, which was a catechist's license good for one year. Petitions were submitted from Tennessee, Virginia, and from other congregations. Excuses from absent ministers, especially

from Daniel Scherer, were received, and they were excused.

On the report and recommendations of the committee, Daniel Walcher was received or taken up as a candidate, and the licenses of Candidates Jacob Miller, Martin Walther and Yost Muetze were renewed, and John Reichart and Adam Greim were given power to exhorters or lecturers (Vorleser).

These recommendations carried out, other appointments were passed over for the present.

Joseph E. Bell, who had also been ordained under the tree by Philip Henkel, reported himself as ready to unite with us. He acknowledged that he had been led astray contrary to his own convictions, in not having been present in the Convention of Synod of last year on the 2nd Sunday after Easter.

He obligated himself to be governed according to our firmly established rules, and to submit to a majority of votes according to the custom of all Christian Churches in America.

On the question as to whether the administered ordination was proper, it was considered invalid according to the rules of all Christian denominations.

As he, however, considered himself bound by the usual ordination vow to be loyal to the Lutheran Church, and that he must fulfill the same, his ordination was now made valid, and it was resolved that he should be furnished with a certificate to this effect, and that he could then again be one of our ministers.

N. B.—He did, however, not remain with us long, but went over to the Presbyterians.

4. It was

Resolved, and that unanimously too, that hereafter no ordination shall be legal in our Church, or considered valid, which is not administered under the authority or instruction of Synod, and is performed by at least two ordained ministers.

5 and 6. Attended to.

7. The third Article of the Constitution was so changed that the delegates hereafter shall present a written testimonial attesting to their elec-

tion and signed by two or one Church officers, and if none of them be at hand, then by two or three members of the congregation.

8. In the matter of Church discipline it was

Resolved, That in case of a penitent, it be left to the Pastor and the Church Council, whether the confession to be made, shall be made before the congregation, and that the Pastor be not the only one who shall decide in such a case.

9. In response to a request to return to those who had brought them up, the written proofs that are in the hands of the Secretary, and which were read last year in David Henkel's presence, against him, and acknowledged to be true, it was decided that the request could not be granted, but that if any one desired a copy thereof, he could get one from the Secretary.

10 and 11. Carried out.

12. By more than a two-thirds majority of the members present, everything done in the Synod of 1819 was ratified anew, and so was the Constitution, as it is contained in the book called "Luther," with the exception of principles or rules changed since then.

13. The question whether this synod would unite with other denominations to support a proposed university, was answered in the negative, but full liberty was accorded each minister to do as he pleased, but not to act in the name of the Church.

14. The delegates which were found to be present with us, and who belong to the congregations which still retain David Henkel as their Pastor, are unwilling to answer as delegates, whether they belong to us and would obey our rules; but John Abernathy and Jacob Aderhold declared that they, as private persons, considered themselves bound to the actions of this Synod according to the Constitution.

They proposed that David Henkel's tree-ordination (Baum-ordination) be made or declared valid, as Mr. Bell's had been one in the same grade; but as the position of David, who was Catechist among us at the time, is immeasurably different, and he had no notion (or inclination) left to live with us in peace, but on last Monday even assumed being "Dictator," as to what we should teach, and otherwise has conducted himself strikingly impolite, the proposition of his representatives (who claimed to appear only as private persons, and ventured not to speak in the name of their congregations) was rejected.

David Henkel is therefore no minister of the Lutheran Church of North Carolina and adjacent States.*

It was immediately

Resolved, That this Synod is not responsible for the conduct and doctrines of David Henkel, either in the pulpit or elsewhere, as he has separated himself from us, and it was also decided that the names of our ministers belonging to Synod be published and made known in our newspapers.

The question being sprung, if a committee should be appointed charged with the duty of publishing a statement setting forth the real cause of the separation from us, of a few ministers tormerly belonging to us, was answered in the negative, and it was

Resolved, That we remain silent until forced to answer. No one shall be censured, who will answer in the manner in which he is attacked, but no such an one must answer in the name of Synod, until this is approved by at least three ministers.

N. B.—David Henkel published a "pamphlet" which was answered by G. Shober, under the title of "Review," and which, in part, had the approbation of Synod.

The rule regarding the reception of negroes was decided according to pages 167 to 169 in the book "Luther."

A document from Rev. Hill, Methodist preacher, which was addressed to this Synod was read, in which he politely asks to be informed whether it was the doctrine of our Church that water-baptism works regeneration, and that the body and blood of Christ is corporally received with the bread and wine, which doctrine he had heard for 13 years from the greatest number of our ministers, and who admitted that it was believed, which he had contradicted.

He requested the opinions of the Synod on the above points.

20. Revs. R. J. Miller, and Peter Schmucker were appointed to answer the above letter and questions.

21–25. Carried out. Thursday June 5, we met.

26. The committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts re-

*This sentence is underlined by a heavy red line.—TRANSLATOR.

ported that Synod still owed the Treasurer the sum of $115.71, but that unsold books worth $868.25 were on hand.

27. G. Shober was again elected Treasurer. During the Convention of Synod, voluntary contributions to the amount of $51.00 were paid in.

28. Rev. Shober presented his report as representative to the Pennsylvania Synod, which met last year. He reported that a plan had been agreed upon which had been printed, setting forth how all Synods could join in one General Synod. This plan had already been long in circulation among us. Synod does not need to adopt the same, as it does not fully agree with the instructions we have given.

The question now was, shall we adopt the plan?

The plan was considered item by item, and the necessity of having a central union was admitted even by those who were against this plan itself. The plan was adopted by a vote of 15 yeas, against 6 nays, that is by more than two-thirds majority. (See Constitutional outlines of the plan, etc., Minutes.)

Hereupon two ministers and two lay-delegates were elected according to the provisions of the plan to meet with other representatives of other Synods this year in Hagerstown, Md., to unite with them in a Constitution and in forming the General Synod.

About the Tennessee school which we had, on certain conditions favored, nothing more was to be reported than that the school was disbanded.

Rev. R. J. Miller, however, reported how it had been designed that Synod should have been fooled out of its $246.75. (See page 18 Minutes).

Mr. John B. Harry was authorized to collect a debt from Philip Henkel for "Luther" books sold, and also to collect from David Henkel $156.50 which he owes Synod.

The answer to Rev. Hill's letter was read and also opproved.

Rev. Bell was entrusted with the mission of visiting Rev. Philip Henkel on his way to Tennessee and to give him

friendly assurance that we are inclined to forget everything that has happened, and to kindly request him to unite with us again, and that if he would submit to the majority vote, he would be received with joy as a brother.

All ministers were requested to recommend prayer meetings to their congregations on the first Saturday of every month.

Parochial Report.

The reports of the ministers for the past year show the following work done:

921 children baptized, white; 8 adults baptized, whites; 37 children baptized, negroes; 3 adults baptized, negroes; 446 persons confined; 75 persons buried.

Appendix.

Rev. Bell reported to the Secretary from Tennessee that Rev. Philip Henkel was willing to forgive, that he had decided to unite with us again, and that he would abide—according to our Constitution—by a majority of votes.

N. B.—He never appeared.

THE EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION, 1821.

Place, Lau Church, Guilford County, North Carolina.

Time, June 17th, 1821.

On the 17th of June, 1821, Synod met in the Lau Church, in Guilford County.

The following ministers were present: G. Shober, J. Sherer, M. Rauch. Candidates present: M. Walther, Jacob Miller, Daniel Scherer, D. Walcher. Catechists in attendance: J. Grieson, M. Keebler, Jacob Moser, P. Roth, Adam Greim.

There were present nine delegates.

Pastor Storch was absent on account of sickness.

G. Shober was elected President and J. Scherer Secretary.

Rev. R. J. Miller, who for many years, faithfully served our Church as a minister, took friendly leave from our Ministerium, in view of the fact that he had united with the English

Episcopal Church, and had been consecrated priest by the Bishop.

Resolved, That the President, in the name of our Church, tender him thanks for his many years of service. This was done.

Revs. Adam Empie, G. T. Bedell and Duncan Cameron were introduced to us through a letter from Bishop Moore, they having been elected by the English Episcopal Church for the purpose of bringing about a union between us, if possible.

A committee consisting of Revs. Shober, Rauch and Ratz was chosen to consult with the above named ministers, on a plan of union to be laid before Synod.

Such a plan was submitted by them the next day and was accepted. It consists of five parts.

1. We permit mutual arrangements that are not opposed to the fundamental principles of our respective Churches.

2. The Episcopal Church can, annually, send representatives to our Synod, who are to have the right to a seat as honorary members, and to debate on all propositions, and to vote, except in decisions which affect our Church alone.

3. Our Church has the same privilege to send representatives to their Convention, and they shall have the same rights.

4. All ministers of our Church shall have the right to a seat as honorary members among them, and theirs with us.

5. The representatives of the Episcopal Church assured us that if our students of theology came well recommended, they would be taught free of all expense, in the principles of theology in their Seminary in New Haven.

Hereupon representatives were chosen to their next Convention. The following were elected: Revs. G. Shober, Jacob Scherer, Ratz and Duerner.

On the report and recommendations of the committee appointed for that purpose, Jacob Miller's license as candidate was renewed.

Jacob Grieson was treated in like manner, except that his license had limitations.

P. Roth and John Reichart from South Carolina were

licensed as Catechists, the last named one to labor under the auspices of Rev. Rauch.

The sum of $49.10 voluntary contributions was handed in from the congregations and turned over to the Treasurer.

A. Secrist and Adam Greim received Catechist license and Daniel Moser received a license as candidate.

20, 21, 22, are periodicals and were carried out.

June 23d. The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts reported that Synod was indebted to him to the amount of $146.43, but that $706.07 worth of books were scattered in different places, under his direction and control, but that from this amount there must be deducted the expense of hauling 500 copies of them from Baltimore to Tennessee, besides other expenses.

Mr. Harvy, authorized to settle with Philip and David Henkel, sent in no accounts and no report.

G. Shober was retained as Treasurer by re-election.

Daniel Walcher was sent to Pendleton County, Va.

It was communicated to Synod that a disgraceful pamphlet had been published by David Henkel against our Synod and its members. This Rev. Shober had answered in a publication now in press, entitled "Review," the greatest part of which had been sanctioned or endorsed by three ministers.

Rev. Shober bears the responsibility of the language used. It was also deemed necessary that the complaints or charges against David Henkel from the year 1819, be published together with the proof that was furnished, but at the same time the wish was expressed that from our side hereafter nothing be published, the Henkels may publish what they please.

The Secretary was instructed to inquire of Mr. Harvy, whether he had, as agent, accomplished anything in his transactions with the Henkels.

Daniel Moser sent an excuse for his absence. The absence of Rev. Bell was not officially noticed. On June 11th, 1821, he wrote to the Secretary in a manner that was not worthy of

an answer, that he demand that his name be stricken from our roll, that he was no longer one of our ministers, and that he had united with the Concord Presbytery.

In the year 1820 he had again united with us, was received, and now no sorrow was expressed at his instability.

28, 29, 30. Attended to.

31. In 1822 Synod will convene in Pilgrim Church in Rowan County.

Parochial Report.

According to the pastors, reports for the past year, 578 children were baptized, 33 adults were baptized, 131 persons confirmed. In love, unanimity and peace this Convention of Synod was begun, and it was closed with thanksgiving and prayer.

To the Lutheran Synod in North Carolina, now recognized by the English Episcopal Church, there belong now,

Pastors: C. A. Storch, G. Shober, G. Dreher, J. P. Franklow, Jacob Scherer, Daniel Moser, Michael Rauch, Peter Schmucker

J. Muetze, M. Walther and Schmucker are absent.

Deacons: Daniel Scherer, Martin Walther.

Candidates: Jacob Miller, Jacob Moser, Daniel Walcher, Jacob Grieson.

Catechist: Kuebler, Roth, Greim, Secrist, J. Reichart and Reichart from South Carolina.

JACOB SCHERER, *Secretary.*

THE NINETEENTH CONVENTION, 1822.

Place: Pilgrim Church, Rowan County.

Time: June 2d, 1822.

On June 2d, 1822, Synod met in Pilgrim Church, in Rowan County.

On Monday, the following were present:

Pastors: C. A. Storch, G. Shober, G. Dreher, Jacob Scherer.

Deacons: Daniel Scherer.

Candidates: Jacob Moser, Daniel Walcher, Joe Miller, Jacob Grieson.

Catechistss: P. Roth, Adam Greim, John Reichart, Reichart from South Carolina, Andrew Secrist.

There were present eleven delegates.

Rev. Storch having forbidden it (his election) G. Shober was elected President and Jacob Scherer Secretary.

As Charles Greim had raised objections to the election of Mr. Michael Tag, it was decided, after consideration, that his election was valid.

It appearing from a published pamphlet that Mr. Grieson had left our Synod, he declared that he agreed with the General Synod, and that he belonged to our Synod the same as ever.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Episcopal Convention, from which it can be seen that the agreement entered into by our Church last year, has also been adopted by them, and Revs. R. J. Miller, Thos. Wright and R. Davis, together with A. Caldclough have been elected representatives to our Synod.

Three of them appeared, and according to the agreement, took their seats.

It was not deemed necessary on our part to appoint a committee to confer with said gentlemen as to whether there was anything else to be done to bring about a union.

Petitions and letters were read, and after the reading of the former, the Catechists Adam Griem and A. Secrist had their licenses renewed.

Rev. Rauch's absence was excused.

Rev. Meierhoefer, of Virginia, recommended, in a letter, Samuel Hersher, one of his students, as worthy of becoming a member of our Synod, and he was received on condition that if he found congregations in South Carolina who would accept him, then he should be licensed as candidate, if not, then he should be licensed as Catechist for one year.

The directors of a Tennessee school sent a written request asking for help to support the institution, as they say, they had not separated themselves from our Synod. In view of this it was

Resolved, That we are under no obligations to support said school, for it has never been placed under our direction, nor has ever a Constitution

been sent to us for approval, and on these conditions we had promised help.

See minutes of 1819, page 19, and 1820, page 16, the 20th sentence. The Secretary is to inform them of this.

During the reading of the protocol of last year, it was decided that Mr. Martin Kuebler, no longer belongs to us, as he has united with the Maryland Synod.

The Minutes of the General Synod having been read, it was

Resolved, That we continue, for the present, the grades of the ministry, etc., which we have adopted because it suits our present circumstances.

The Examination Committee reported that Jacob Miller was worthy of ordination and he was ordained during the meeting of Synod by Revs. Shober, Dreher and Jacob Scherer.

Resolved, That Jacob Grieson, P. Roth and J. Reichart have their licenses renewed.

This was attended to.

The sum of $57.85 had been raised by our congregations to meet our necessities, and was turned over to the Treasurer.

According to the report of Committee on Treasurer's accounts, Synod is indebted to the Treasurer $88.33, and that according to his statement there were books under his direction, in many hands which were worth $826.50, every copy of the book entitled "Luther," being estimated as worth 75cts.

The former Treasurer was again re-elected.

Mr. Barringer was appointed as our agent to settle up with our former agent, Mr. Harvy, and he is authorized to take possession of all papers, collect what is due, and secure and return the books on hand.

The Episcopal Convention in the year 1823 will be held in Salisbury, G. Shober and Daniel Scherer and also Paul Barringer and Col. Ratz were elected to be present and represent our side.

Resolved, Unanimously that the second article of the Constitution in the book "Luther" be dropped as far as the same deals with the time when Synod shall be held, for this article was placed there by a mistake.

Inasmuch as it was publicly reported that we had done D. Henkel injustice, and he, with others like himself, have raised objections to the General Synod that are unfounded, it was

Resolved, That we publish an answer to it, which shall be appended to the protocol.

Revs. Storch, Shober and Jacob Scherer, and Messrs. J. Walton, Paul Barringer and John Kistler were constituted a committee to draw up this answer.

From a publication, which has appeared in New Market, it is set forth that Daniel Moser will, in the future, not remain in our Synod, if it will not come to a better footing.

Resolved, That he be asked in a friendly way if he has written so, and if he still has the same idea.

Resolved, That the Secretary be allowed to improve the manner of *writing before it goes to the printer, if only the sense is retained.

Rev. Shober having raised the question, whether in view of the fact that a Woman's Society in Salem, whose object it was to spread the Gospel among the negroes, would send brethren (presumably Moravians) among the negroes to make them Christians in their way or according to their methods, liberty would be granted them to do so in our congregations; or if they would unite, it was answered by the following:

Resolved, That Synod has no objections, if the masters (owners) are willing.

Resolved, That hereafter the elders shall be elected from the whole congregation, and installed; if then a member of the Council goes away he cannot be an elder, as has been the case in several congregations, until he is elected and installed.

Resolved, That hereafter no one applying for admission into our Synod shall be received if he cannot be recommended to us as to his ability, etc., by some ordained minister who is known to us.

Revs. G. Dreher and Michael Rauch were authorized to ordain Mr. Yost Muetze in South Carolina.

The next Convention of Synod will be held in one of Pastor Storch's congregations.

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*Expression, etc.,—TRANSLATOR.

Parochial Report.

591 children were baptized in all our Churches, 11 adults were baptized, 11 negroes were baptized, 237 persons were confirmed, 126 persons were buried.

JACOB SCHERER, *Secretary.*

Something happened during Synod scarcely worth noticing, and yet as so many untruths are spread, and also members also having been characterized as reprehensible, we dare not pass it by unnoticed.

Two sealed letters were placed on the table with other petitions, which were addressed "To the so-called Lutheran Synod."

The question was, shall we accept the letters or not?

As they were considered insulting* it was unanimously resolved that they be not accepted, but handed back to those who brought them.

This was attempted, but they would not take them again, thereupon it was

Resolved, That they should remain upon the table.

THE PRINCIPAL CONTENTS OF THE APPENDIX

That it was Decided to Add to the Minutes, is that Addressed to the Congregations.

You know what we teach? Only because David Henkel is being helped by his father, and Philip Henkel, who formerly belonged to us, do we feel ourselves constrained to do them the honor of answering. Against David Henkel, we would not have written anything, for he does not belong to our Church as minister, and in view of his conduct deserves no respect.

They have issued two publications as if from Tennessee, against us, in which not only one, but several of our ministers are burdened with untruths and pictured disdainfully.

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*Mocking—TRANSLATOR.

In the year 1820, when the split occurred, we resolved to print nothing against the opponents, unless they would begin, which they then did in two (both) languages.

In 1821 they were sufficiently answered in English, in a "Review."

We say, first of all, that D. Henkel is no minister of the Lutheran Church. How he separated himself from us, is known to you from the Minutes of the years 1819 and 1820.

He had himself made a preacher contrary to the rules of our Church by his brother Philip under a tree, under that setting apart (or appointment) he has desecrated the Holy Sacraments, and he ceases not to spread out blasphemies and lies.

None of our Churches, therefore, can be opened to him according to Article 7 of our Constitution. (See Article XIV. of the Augsburg Confession.)

That he has been recognized by a conference in Tennessee amounts to nothing (is of no value), his father and brother could not form a conference that is valid, and they knew how wrong things had gone, and he who in his own power authorized him under the tree, has thereby also separated himself from the Church, for they all spread untruths knowing that they are such.

They teach wrong doctrine about Baptism.

The falsehoods, which they spread abroad, were cast up to Paul and David in Lincolnton (1819) and were publicly proven, but they repeat the same in publications, etc.

Their doctrine regarding Baptism was proven.

It is to be hoped that sufficient proofs have been given that we do not recognize the Tennessee Conference as a Lutheran one, and we have hereby vindicated ourselves with all impartial Christians; have also proven that David in no respect is a minister of our Church, and has no right to administer the sacraments.

How he teaches regarding the Holy Lord's Supper is not

our concern, and we are not responsible for his doctrines.

Woe to them that seek to do harm.

Micah. 2-1; Matth. 18 6-7; Ezek. 13-3 10-18; John 5:20.

All prepared and presented in print, in the name of the Synod. C. A. Storch, Paul Barringer, J. W. Walton, J. Scherer and G. Shober.

TWENTIETH CONVENTION, 1823.

Place: Organ Church, Rowan County.

Time: Saturday, May 3, 1823.

After, on Saturday, May 3d, 1823, 83 persons were confirmed in Organ Church, and after on Sunday, May 4th, blessed divine services were held and about 300 communicants received the Holy Communion, the Synod convened on Monday, the 5th of May, in the above mentioned Church in Rowan County.

Pastors present: Revs. C. A. Storch, G. Shober, Jacob Scherer, Daniel Scherer, G. Dreher, Michael Rauch. Deacons present: Martin Walther, J. Miller. Candidates present: Jacob Grieson, Samuel Hersher, Daniel Walcher: Catechists in attendance: Adam Greim, John Reichart.

There were present 12 delegates. Rev. Schoenberg, a traveling preacher from Pennsylvania, and George Boger, Reformed minister, a seat and vote.

Inasmuch as some one had published over the name of Peter C. Schoenberg a blasphemous writing against the Synod, and especially against Rev. Shober, he (Rev. Schoenberg) proved to the full satisfaction that all was false.

Absent ministers sent in their excuses for absence, but none came from Daniel Moser.

Petitions were read and the necessary action taken.

Adam Greim, John Reichart, J. Greison and P. Roth were licensed as Catechists.

Severe charges were brought against Daniel Walcher, who, during examination acknowledged his guilt, and so was dismissed, and is no more a minister in our Church.

A committee was appointed to correspond with Paul Henkel for the purpose of attempting to do away with the quarrels that have broken out between us and the ministers who have separated themselves from our Synod.

Samuel Hersher, when returning his license, informed Synod he desired no new license. He is consequently no longer a minister in our Church.

Revs. Jacob Scherer and Daniel Scherer, from the ministerial ranks, and Michael Miller and Peter Sommer, lay delegates, were elected to attend the next Convention of the General Synod.

In answer to the question whether the appendix prepared by a Committee appointed for that purpose and attached to the Minutes of the year 1822, was to be considered valid, correct and true? It was unanimously answered in the affirmative.

On investigation of the Treasurer's accounts it was found that Synod was indebted to him $57.76 after all receipts, namely, $70.62½ are deducted. [See Minutes.]

G. Shober was again elected Treasurer.

Parochial Report.

According to the reports of all the Pastors for the past year:

434 children were baptized. 13 adults were baptized. 220 persons were confirmed. 72 persons were buried.

Resolved, That the next Convention of Synod be held in the Buffalo Creek Church (St. John's) Cabarrus County, on the 1st Sunday in May 1824.

JACOB SCHERER, *Secretary*.

TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION, 1824.

Place: St. John's Church, Cabarrus County.

Time: 1st Sunday in May, 1824.

In the year 1824, on the 1st Sunday in May, Synod met in St. John's Church, Cabarrus County.

Fifty-three (53) persons were confirmed on Saturday previous.

who, together with 200 other members of the congregation, received the Holy Communion.

On Monday Synod convened.

Pastors present: Jacob Scherer, J. Miller, Daniel Scherer. Candidates present: Philip Roth. Catechists present: John Reichart.

There were present 15 delegates.

Jacob Scherer was elected President, and Daniel Scherer was elected Secretary.

The absent ministers were excused on the ground of the excuses they had sent in.

Mr. Wm. Jenkins was recommended to us for reception by Mr. Shaeffer, of Fredericktown, Md.

After having been examined he was given license for one year and appointed to supply especially the congregations in Tennessee.*

A certain Peter Albrecht secretly shoved a letter on the table, but when he heard that the letter would not be received unless he would give an explanation of its contents, he made his appearance and gave the desired explanation, whereupon it was turned over to a committee. Said committee reported the following day that it was designed to be a memorial, and had been signed by eight Reformed and thirty others, among which latter there were but few who support our Church, and they recommended that neither our Church nor any other Church should have anything to do with the affair.

This report was adopted.

The Committee which at the last annual meeting of Synod had been appointed for the purpose of writing to Paul Henkel, submitted a copy of their letter to him together with the answer he had sent in response to it, and as alas the same (the answer) offered nothing which could be acceptable for a union,

*These congregations were located along Duck river in Middle Tennessee about sixty miles south of the city of Nashville, and they exist to this day.—TRANSLATOR.

a thing we have repeatedly, both in writing and by mouth (speaking), offered to bring about with them, it is therefore no longer our duty to wait upon them or to write to them any more; and as they consider it proper that no minister who is in connection with the General Synod shall be allowed to preach in their churches, therefore we advise our congregations not to admit any of their ministers in our churches.

This report was accepted.

The sum of $47.45 was handed in for synodical purposes.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

The ministers in South Carolina have since our last annual Convention organized themselves into a body of their own, and report now in our letter, that they wish to co-operate with us in love and unity.

Our President will report to them that this is also our wish.

On examination of the Treasurer's accounts it was found that Synod, after all receipts and disbursements were considered, owed the Treasurer $28.75.

Pastor Shober was again made Treasurer.

The "Luther Books" which Pastor Bachman, of Charleston, had sent back to Rev. Daniel Scherer, were found to be much damaged. It was

Resolved, That the best among them be sold for 50 cents, and the worst for 25 cents a copy.

As Paul Barringer, our Agent, had repeatedly written to Mr. Harry, who had been charged with the duty of collecting the money due from Philip Henkel, and had received no answer, and now wished to be excused from serving further in this capacity, his request was granted, and Rev. Jacob Scherer was chosen to settle matters with Mr. Harvy.

Resolved, That Pastor Shober be made agent to settle with David Henkel and D. Moser regarding the "Luther Books" still in their hands, and if they will not in answer to a friendly letter, do what is right, then he shall compel them so to do by law.

Martin Walther and Jacob Miller were declared to be pastors

ministers.)

The licenses of Candidates and Catechists were renewed.

The next Convention of Synod will be held on the first Sunday in May, 1825, in the new Church in Guilford County, by request of Rev. Mr. Rudy.

TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION, 1825.

Place: New Reformed Church, Guilford, County.

Time: 1st Sunday in May, 1825.

On the 1st Sunday in May, 1825, Synod convened in the new Reformed Church in Guilford County, and held its sessions up to the evening of the 3d.

At first there was preaching, and Baptism and the Holy Communion were administered, about seventy communing.

Pastors present: G. Shober, Jacob Scherer, Daniel Scherer, Martin Walther. Candidates present: Jacob Grieson, Wm. Jenkins. Catechists present: John Reichart.

Revs. Storch and Adam Greim were absent.

Rev. Phillip Roth had entered into the joys of his Lord.

There were present twelve delegates.

Pastor Shober was elected President. Jacob Scherer was elected Secretary.

Revs. John Rudy Reformed minister, Carl A. Schoenberg, traveling minister (missionary), and Samuel Hershel, delegate from South Carolina, were introduced and granted a seat and voice.

A Committee was appointed to consider and report upon letters and petitions that were handed in.

The sum of $25.94 was paid in for synodical purposes.

This was turned over to the Treasurer and his accounts were submitted to a Committee for examination, which, after having performed its duty, reported that there was a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $4.68.

Pastor Shober is made Treasurer again.

Reports from the traveling ministers were read from which it can be seen that many more congregations could be organized if we had more preachers. [See Minutes, p. 8.]

Words of regret came to us from Lincoln that our former ministerial brother, D. Moser, had separated himself from us, and had joined the Henkels. Several of his Church officers and Church members do not wish to leave us, but desire to belong to our Synod.

Rev. Shober reported as to how he had made a settlement with Mr. Harvy in the matter of books. He had taken back 375 books from P. Henkel.

A letter regarding his absence was received from Storch and read and his well wishes heard with pleasure.

He was excused for being absent and the President instructed to write him in the name of the Synod expressing to him our love and to thank him for his interest in our deliberations and the welfare of the Church.

Mr. Jenkins reported that two congregations he had gathered (formed) desired to be received into connection with our Synod, and from three Counties came petitions that we should appoint him as their teacher (preacher). In the two congregations already formed by him he had received members from other denominations without formal confirmation, and on their honest confession to be true to our Church, he had admitted them to communion. These two new congregations were thankfully received, Mr. Jenkins empowered to be their Pastor another year, and it was

Resolved, That all he has received into our Church, and all such as he and his Church Council may receive in the future and admit to the Communion, shall be full members of our Church.*

A petition from Illinois was most kindly considered, and possible help promised. [See minutes, p. 10.]

A petition from the Church Council of Grace Church in Lin-

*This evidently means those from other Churches without being confirmed.--TRANSLATOR.

coln County was read, in which the request was made to hold the next Convention of Synod there.

Two members of the Church Council of another congregation made the same request, and by all it was wished that they be visited by our ministers.

Petitions from Iredell and Rowan Counties asking that our ministers supply them with the preached word were heard, and it was recommended that Revs. Jacob Scherer and Schoenberg often visit them.

The wish was expressed that the congregations along Abbot's Creek care for the latter (Pastor Schoenberg) as their regular supply, through the Henkels the congregations have been brought into confusion, so that neither party can support a preacher. It was

Resolved, That we answer nothing (or give no answer) to that which by a Committee of the Tennessee connection or union has in a rough manner been asked of us in print. And

That this Synod henceforth will pay no attention to any pamphlet or other writing which shall be calculated to disturb the peace, or be insulting, but that such things be treated with deep (profound) silence. [Minutes, p. 12.]

It was unanimously

Resolved, That the second Article of our Constitution be so changed that every annual Convention of Synod have the liberty of deciding on the time and place of next meeting.

It was also

Resolved, That the 7th Article of our Constitution be so changed that the word "regular" be inserted between the words "licensed" and "Synod" so that the Article 7 would read:

No minister can be received as belonging to our Church who has not been ordained or licensed by a regular (or lawful) Synod in the United States, and has sufficient written proof to this effect, and also of his good character.

It was also

Resolved, That that part of the 11th Article of our Constitution be re-

called, which reads, "that the Christian Catechism published by Paul Henkel shall be used among us."*

Inasmuch as so many kinds of English Catechisms under the name Lutheran are being circulated, it was unanimously

Resolved, That our ministers cannot accept any Catechism for use in instruction, which in faith and doctrine deviate from Luther's Smaller Catechism. [See Minutes, p. 13.]

Resolved, That the Committee of the General Synod, which was charged with the duty of presenting Luther's Catechism in the English language be earnestly requested to hasten therewith and to complete it by the time of the next Convention of the General Synod, and that if this is not done, we ourselves will undertake to accomplish this.

Resolved, That the President be empowered to grant license to Catechists and Licentiates, in extraordinary cases, good until the next following Convention of Synod.

Resolved, That congregations who send petitions to our Synod for help be requested to name the amount of support they can give to a pastor.

Resolved, That a well-bound book be purchased by the next Convention of Synod, in which our rules and principal resolutions may be copied and preserved; and that the President submit extracts from all the proceedings of the next Synod to be copied into this book. The pay for the book and the work is to be taken out of our Treasury.

Resolved, Unanimously that the words in the 12th article of the Constitution, "When that was done during infancy," be stricken out. [See Luther, page 156.]

Rev. Daniel Scherer was elected delegate to the next Convention of the South Carolina Synod.

The first Sunday in August was set apart as a day of prayer.

Revs. G. Shober and M. Walther were elected clerical, and Messrs. Henry Krank and Daniel Keck as lay-delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the next Convention of Synod be held in Pastor Walther's Church on the Roanoke, in Botetourt County, Va., on the first Sunday in May, 1826, but hearty thanks are tendered to the friends

*The Henkel's themselves have thrown it aside. They are now opposed to all other denominations and are stiff Lutheran, as they say. —SECRETARY.

in Lincoln for their friendly invitation, and as it was impracticable to accept the invitation this year, Synod will remember the request at its next Convention.

JACOB SCHERER, *Secretary.*

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION, 1826.

Place: Zion Church, Botetourt County, Va.

Time: First Sunday in May, 1826.

On the first Sunday in May, 1826, Synod met in Zion Church, Botetourt County, Va., which was on this occasion most solemnly dedicated to God.

Pastor Shober was elected President.

Jacob Shober was elected President.

Revs. Daniel J. Hauer and R. Hoshour, formerly members of the Maryland Synod, were accorded a seat and voice.

A letter of recommendation from Pastor D. Shaeffer recommended that Daniel Hauer be made a preacher among us. He was received as a member of Synod.

Letters of excuse from the absent brethren, Revs. Jacob Grieson and Adam Griem were read and they were excused.

Rev. Schoenberg was received as a member of this Synod. He had served with acceptance for one year the congregations along Abbot's Creek, but found no support.

He was licensed as a candidate for one year for Haywood County, and wherever he could find an opening.

The receipts from all congregations amounted to $62.03¾.

Revs. Jacob Scherer, Schoenberg and J. Miller reported about their visits to Iredell County.

Inasmuch as the proposed edition of the Smaller Catechism in the English language has not yet made its appearance, although decided upon by the last General Synod Rev. Shober was authorized to publish, as soon as possible, the translation which had been examined and approved by the last General Synod.

Number 12 in our proceedings of last year was improved so as to read as follows: "That the President of this Synod be empowered to grant license in extraordinary cases good until the next Synod, provided he has acted on the advice of two neighboring pastors."

A committee was appointed to examine and report upon the extracts from all the proceedings which Rev. Shober had prepared for publication.

A very friendly letter was read from Rev. Carl Fried. Bergman, of the South Carolina Conference, in which he regrets the impossibility of being present at this Convention to which he had been elected.

Rev. Jacob Scherer was elected to attend to the next Convention of their Synod.

The first Monday in each month shall, together with all Christian denominations, be recommended and observed by the ministers as a day of prayer.

The Minutes of last year's proceedings were read.

Mr. Michael Holt was elected a trustee of the Seminary at Gettysburg to take the place of Mr. Kers, deceased.

Resolved, That on the recommendation (advice) of the General Synod a change in its Constitution is granted, especially in its preamble. See Minutes, page 8.

Petitions from Lincoln County were considered, in which request was made that ministers visit there and that the next Convention of Synod be held there.

John Reck and Daniel Scherer were charged with the duty of visiting there.

On account of the progress made by Mr. Reck, and in view of his good reputation he was after examination recommended for ordination, and was ordained.

Petitions from Wythe and Washington Counties, Va., set forth testimony in favor of Mr. Sechrist's good behaviour, and asked that the next Synod be held in Wythe County.

Mr. Sechrist's license was renewed for Wythe County.

The congregation on Forth Creek, organized by Rev. Schoenberg, desires to belong to us and to be regularly served. This was granted as far as possible, and Mr. John Reck is to serve the same.

A petition, signed by fifty-one members from along Abbot Creek, sets forth that they desire to be regularly served, and if this be impossible then to be visited often.

Rev. Jacob Miller will visit them as frequently as possible.

A writing was submitted from Mr. Keyl, in which he asks to be received as a member of Synod. The Secretary is to inform him that this cannot be before that time.

Five petitions from Tennessee set forth good testimony as to the industry and good bearing of Mr. Jenkins, and request that he be continued as their pastor, and that he be given an assistant. This work extends over five congregations, over which he was appointed anew, receiving license for two years.

A letter of recommendation from Rev. Nichols Schmucker of the Maryland Synod, in which he recommends Mr. John P. Klein for admittance into our Synod. After examination he was admitted and received license as a candidate for one year for Peter and Paul's Churches in Virginia.

A committee examined the Treasurer's accounts. There remain in his hands, May 8th, 1826, $52.81¼.

Rev. Shober was again elected Treasurer.

The committee appointed to examine the extracts from all our proceedings from the year 1803 until now as prepared by Rev. Shober for the purpose of being copied into the newly purchased "Record Books," and which Rev. Shober is to have recorded there has approved the same.

The President was authorized to have ordination and candidate license certificates printed at the expense of Synod.

The reports of the Ministers were handed in.

Parochial Reports.

In 37 congregations 453 children baptized, 11 adults baptized, 146 persons confirmed, 1393 persons communed, 120 persons were buried.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting more fully the real condition of our congregations to the next Convention of Synod. The committee consists of Revs. Daniel Scherer, John Reck and Jesse Walton, and to these the other ministers are to report.

The congregation at Salisbury, which for many years has been in our connection, and which now under the Pastoral care of Rev. Reck is building up again, wishes to remain in connection with us the same as always.

Resolved, That our Minutes be printed in both languages, namely: 300 English, 300 German.

Revs. Reck, Daniel Scherer and Walton will attend to the English translation.

The candidates received their license in an impressive manner.

The President tendered thanks to the friends for favors shown. The next Convention of Synod will be held in St. Paul's Church in Lincoln County on the first Sunday in May.

Addendum.

In the Seminary in Gettysburg poor students are free of tuition, and whenever possible also from other expenses.

JACOB SCHERER, *Secretary*.